

OFFER NEGOTIATIONS  
TO STOP BLOCKADE

U. S. Government Withdraws  
"Strict Accountability"  
to Warring Powers.

## BATTER TURK FORTS

Allied Fleets Demolish Outer  
Dardanelles—Constanti-  
nople in Danger.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The government authorities are said to have withdrawn from their "strict accountability" stand, which was noted in previous communications, and have offered negotiations to both sides with a view of ending the blockade.

The American ship Theodore Palmer, of New London, is believed to be lost with all hands. A dispatch from the consul general at Copenhagen states that an Esbjerg newspaper reported the arrival there of the Swedish steamship Vala, which picked up the lifeboat of the Palmer in mid-ocean, February 22.

Consul Listoe at Rotterdam reports that three perished in the recent wreck of the American steamer Carib in the North Sea.

By United Press.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Preceded by mine sweepers, the Allied fleet under the command of Vice-Admiral Carden has moved against the Dardanelles. The forts at the entrance of the Dardanelles already have been demolished, according to dispatches, and the fleet is now shelling the fortifications on both sides of the straits.

The Turkish fleet lies in the Niagara Roads, the narrowest part of the river-like channel, twenty-five miles from the Allied fleet, awaiting what may be the most decisive naval battle of the war.

The wildest enthusiasm prevails in England as a result of the destruction of the outer Dardanelles.

From various sources reports are confirmed that the government at Constantinople is ready to flee and abandon the city.

By United Press.

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—Two German armies, north of the Vistula, now threaten Warsaw. One army is only forty miles from Warsaw. The right wing of von Hindenburg's army less than fifty miles from the threatened city, is progressing rapidly. Both Germans and Russians are preparing for a desperate battle.

## WHEAT DROPS IN CHICAGO PIT

Destruction of Dardanelles Forts Lets  
Russian Grain to Markets.

By United Press.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 26.—The demolition of the forts along the Straits of Dardanelles has reflected upon the pit here. May wheat dropped seven and three-eighths cents and July wheat fell four and three-fourths cents from yesterday's closing market. The complete destruction of the forts along the Dardanelles will allow the Russians to pour out upon the world's markets large quantities of hoarded grain.

## FEARS HE'LL BE SHOT AS SPY

Man in Prison Confesses in Second  
Passport Fraud Case.

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Fear that he, like Carl Hans Lodi, the spy who was shot in London, was about to be executed, prompted confession of Richard P. Stengler in the second passport fraud case.

In the Tombs prison today Stengler told government authorities that Captain Boyed, a German naval attaché at Washington, commissioned him to go to London as a spy, and that Boyed also sent Lodi. Other indictments are expected.

## George Padeon Charged With Forgery.

George Padeon was arrested by the county sheriff today and placed in jail on a charge of forgery. The authorities say that Padeon signed the name of John W. Fortney to a \$5 check and received payment on the check from O. P. Leach, a grocery dealer.

## G. Q. Thornton On Visit Here.

G. Q. Thornton of Webster Groves, was in Columbia yesterday. Mr. Thornton and his son, T. Q. Thornton, eighth students in the University last year.

## Kappa Alpha Thetas Entertain.

The Kappa Alpha Theta sorority entertained President A. Ross Hill, Dr. Hugh Black and the Rev. and Mrs. F. J. Bate at a dinner party last night.

## BLACK DEFINES DEMOCRACY

Theologian at Assembly Calls It "The  
Voice of the Masses."

"If reasonable leisure, culture and education are good for me, they are good for Tom, Dick and Harry. This seems to me the essence of democracy," said the Rev. Hugh Black at assembly this morning.

"We are in the midst of a change. There are three great movements concerned in the change: the critical movement, the scientific movement and the democratic movement. The democratic movement is the most effective ally of the critical and the scientific."

Rev. Mr. Black explained what he meant by the term "democracy." "It is a human movement, difficult to estimate because it is the voice of the masses. Better than a definition is an understanding of the ends of democracy. Many persons think of democracy as an attempt to put all men on the same level, to do away with originality and individuality."

"Others think it is a scheme to dress us, label us, feed us as if we were inmates of an asylum. This will work when the world is mad."

"The only democracy I am interested in is that which looks forward to a world of persons, and a social state where a man may offer himself, a complete man, to society."

"The democratic movement has affected religion. Democracy is driving the church itself back to its masters. The teachings of Jesus are not left in the clouds, but they come down to the individual. When any person tells me this is an irreligious age, I put him down as a man who does not know the world he lives in."

## MAY BE WAR NURSE

Miss Augusta Hardacre of  
Parker Hospital Tells Red  
Cross She Will Serve.

A Columbia girl may soon join the forces of the European armies. She is Miss Augusta Hardacre, clinic nurse at the Parker Memorial Hospital.

Miss Hardacre is the only nurse in Columbia who is a member of the American Red Cross Nursing Association. This morning she received a communication from the secretary of the association in St. Louis asking whether she was ready for active service. Miss Hardacre said this morning that she would report that she was prepared to go at any time.

## 25 ELIGIBLE FOR TRACK.

Athletic Committee Meets—Baseball  
Games Approved.

The eligibility of twenty-five track men was approved by the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics at a meeting in the office of Prof. C. L. Brewer yesterday afternoon.

The following names were submitted and approved: A. F. Baker, W. W. Browne, J. G. Daggy, V. H. Drumm, L. A. Eaton, C. H. Fawcett, F. W. Floyd, A. M. Johnson, B. G. Kline, V. C. Kline, H. S. Lansing, E. H. Magee, J. E. Minton, G. T. Murphy, B. W. Niedorp, C. C. Porter, W. D. Powell, F. I. Satterlee, Robert Simpson, J. S. Southard, R. L. Warren, Grant Wyatt, Jr., Jerome Kircher, and F. E. Lange. Ralph Wayne, a basketball player, was also approved as being eligible.

The committee discussed the preliminary plans for sending out invitations and preliminary entrance blanks for the Missouri Valley Conference Meet which will be held here May 28 and 29. The preliminary baseball games for the Tigers were approved. The team will play Central College at Fayette April 5, and Westminster College at Fulton April 6. An exhibition game was arranged with Central College to be played here Journalism Week.

The committee decided to send a tennis team to the annual Missouri Valley Conference Meet which will be held at Lincoln, Neb. There will also be a dual meet here with the University of Kansas. This meet will be held during the week ending May 15. Arrangements for a third meet will possibly be made later.

## MEXICO CITY TRAFFIC CLOSED

Vera Cruz Reports Wires Also Cut  
—Attack on Monterey Begun.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, FEB. 26.—Great anxiety as to the happenings in Mexico followed the official notice from Vera Cruz today that wire communications into Mexico City have been cut and that railway traffic has been shut off.

The Constitutionalists announced today that General Gonzales and the Carranzistas began a general attack on Monterey.

TON OF MAIL DAILY  
FROM LOCAL OFFICE

Columbians Sent 12,117  
Pounds in Six Days—  
13,956 Pounds Received.

## PARCEL POST HELPS

Business Shows an Increase  
of 46 Per Cent From July,  
1910, to July, 1914.

The Columbia postoffice had an increase in its receipts of 46 per cent between July 1, 1910, and July 1, 1914.

The receipts for the year ending July 1, 1910, were approximately \$36,000. The report for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1914 showed a jump to nearly \$57,000. The officials here believe that this record cannot be equaled by any other Missouri town the size of Columbia. Much of the increase is due to the installation of the parcel post in January, 1913, but the officials also point to the fact that Columbia has had a rapid growth during the four years.

## All Mail Weighed Now.

The Postoffice Department at Washington has ruled that beginning with February 18 all mails, both incoming and outgoing, must be weighed in all the offices throughout the country. This order will hold good for 105 days, and the result at the end of this time will be the basis upon which the department and the railroads will determine the rate at which the mails will be transported.

During the six days beginning February 18 and ending February 23, the Columbia office dispatched 12,117 pounds of mail, or an average of 2,019½ pounds a day. The weight of the mails received during these six days amounted to 13,956 pounds, or a daily average of 2,326.

One of the important things that the Postoffice Department is now doing is the simplification of the process of insuring parcel post matter. At present the insurance feature is somewhat complex both for the sender of the parcel and for the postoffice clerk. The department will soon adopt an insurance tag that will be much easier understood by the public.

## Clerks Will Solicit Business.

Heretofore it has been against the postal laws for any clerk or civil service employee to solicit patronage for the department, but when the new form of insurance tag is put into use, postal clerks will be advised to ask the patrons of the postoffice to insure their parcels. The department officials say that this plan will greatly increase the postal revenue.

Another feature that the department is installing in many of the larger offices over the country is an automatic stamp-selling safe. This machine sells different denominations of stamps—two 2-cent stamps for a nickel, or one 5-cent stamp for the same amount. It is built to refuse any coins that the department has a ruling against. A nickel that has been worn slick or one that is bent and mutilated will, if put into the machine, come out as "refused money."

## MISS CORA COOK DEAD

Succumbs at Home of Her Parents  
East of Rocheport.

Miss Cora Cook, 24 years old, died at 8:30 o'clock this morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Cook, four miles east of Rocheport. Funeral services will be at the Valley Springs Church at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Burial will be in the Valley Springs Cemetery.

Mrs. Alfred Rice, Mrs. R. P. Harris and Mrs. F. M. Rice, relatives from Columbia, will attend the funeral.

## Magazine Committee Begins Work.

The committee that has been appointed to take charge of the work incidental to starting a literary magazine at the University will meet at the Y. M. C. A. at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The members are: R. A. Schwartz, Gustav Oehm, Reinhardt Egger and Harry C. Taylor, and Misses Marjorie Jones, Florence Kenaston, Alice Kirtley and Marion Ryan.

## Creamery Men Wanted.

Seven of the eleven students who took the special creamery and ice cream makers' course have already received positions. Prof. L. G. Rinkle says that he has three more inquiries on file from creameries in this state that desire trained men.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY  
WORKERS ORGANIZE

Membership of Columbia  
Union Composed of Club  
Women Here.

## UNITES COMMUNITY

Mrs. W. T. Stephenson Is  
President—Organization  
Is Representative.

An organization called the Columbia Library Union was formed yesterday at the mass meeting of the women interested in the Carnegie Library movement. This club will consist of members of different clubs and others interested in the proposed library.

A committee composed of Mrs. D. A. Robnett, Mrs. A. H. Shepard and Mrs. L. D. Shobe nominated officers for the new organization. The officers elected are: President, Mrs. W. T. Stephenson, vice president, Mrs. W. E. Harabe; secretary, Mrs. J. D. Elliff; treasurer, Mrs. M. P. Thompson. The club will meet at the call of the president.

Representatives of most of the women's organizations of Columbia were at the meeting yesterday. Mrs. M. P. Thompson represented the Civic League; Mrs. D. A. Robnett, the Christian Women's Bible Mission; Mrs. J. S. Ankney, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Fortnightly Club; Mrs. F. H. Hobericht, the United Daughters of the Confederacy; Mrs. F. P. Miller, the Thilo Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star; Mrs. J. B. Cole, the Women's Christian Temperance Union; Mrs. Mary E. Noe, the P. E. O.; and Mrs. L. W. St. Clair-Moss, unorganized childhood.

## DISCUSSED ANGELL'S BOOK

Author's Views Debated in Meeting of  
International Polity Club.

Dr. W. J. Shepard led the discussion at Wednesday night's meeting of the International Polity Club on the chapters entitled "The Human Nature and Morals of the Case" in Norman Angell's book, "The Great Illusion." He said that it was not well to argue the morals of war; that we have opportunities for virile development outside of war, such as that afforded by the Panama Canal. Pacificism, he said, was doing harm to its cause by advocating impossible things. "Yet," he said, "the hopeful outlook is the development of the international mind. We can't have an international parliament until we have a homogeneous international public opinion, but it is coming. Political disputes cannot be settled by the courts."

Dr. N. M. Trenholme defended Angell's view. Dr. Max Meyer said that people must be convinced that justice will be done if an international parliament is established.

Several students spoke. The next meeting will be held the second week of March.

## STUDENT SUING FOR \$7,000

G. P. Henderson Leaves for St. Louis  
to Appear in Damage Suit.

G. P. Henderson, a student in the College of Agriculture of the University, went today to St. Louis where he will appear as the plaintiff in a suit for \$7,000 damages against the Heman Construction Company. While in the employment of the company last summer two fingers of his left hand were cut off by a circular saw.

## DAIRY PUPILS MAKE LIMBURGER

Cheese Is Ripening Now and Soon  
Will Be Ready to Cut.

The first limburger cheese ever made by the dairy department was made last semester by Prof. L. G. Rinkle's cheese-making class. The cheese requires specially constructed cooling-rooms. The dairy department has not the facilities with which to ripen it to the best advantage.

## Committee Plans Spring Horse Show.

William C. Dunkel, chairman of the Commencement Horse Show Committee, has called a meeting of the committee for 4 o'clock this afternoon to discuss plans for the spring horse show. The show will include more entries and larger prizes will be given than last year. It will be given at night in the new stock judging pavilion.

## Missionary Society to Meet.

The Juvenile Missionary Society will hold its monthly meeting at the Methodist Church at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

**THE WEATHER.**  
For Columbia and vicinity: Cloudy weather tonight and Saturday with rain or snow; not much change in temperature—near or slightly above the freezing point.  
For Missouri: Unsettled weather tonight and Saturday, probably rain or snow.

**Weather Conditions.**  
The northeast storm is slowly passing out to sea, but it still is giving sleet, snow and strong winds from New York to Maine. The southwest disturbance is moving slowly eastward, and now affects the weather conditions eastward to the Mississippi River. Snow has become general in the Rocky Mountain States.

Temperatures are below the freezing value generally north of latitude 35 degrees, and they are rather low for the time of the year in the southeastern States. In the extreme northern parts of Minnesota and Michigan and adjacent Canadian territory zero conditions obtain.

In Columbia the weather will be unsettled for the next two or three days, with rain or snow.

**Local Data.**  
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 41 and the lowest last night was 31; precipitation .00. A year ago yesterday the highest was 32 and the lowest 6; precipitation, .00 inch.

**The Almanac.**  
Sun rises today, 6:46 a. m. Sun sets 5:28 p. m.  
Moon sets at 5:04 a. m.

## THE CALENDAR.

Feb. 27.—Try-outs for Westminster debate.  
March 1-2.—Basketball games, Tigers and Kansas Aggies, Rothwell Gymnasium, at 8 p. m. Monday and Tuesday.

## PROF. DEFOE, PRESIDENT.

The Columbia Commercial Club has been fortunate in its presidents. They have been men of real service to the city. Such a man is E. C. Clinkscales, who led the club in its work of the past year just past, and such a man is Prof. L. M. DeFoe, who has been called to guide it through the coming year. The annual banquet tonight will be in part a celebration in honor of the past and future work of these two men.

Both of them have always been workers for Columbia. Mr. Clinkscales as marshal and mayor, has had an important place in the city's business before, and no less actively did Mr. DeFoe serve her while a member of the City Council.

In calling Mr. DeFoe to the presidency of the Commercial Club its members show their true community interest, the fact that they are utilizing all the forces of the city. A commercial club that looked not past the limits of the business district would defeat its own ends. The club here has long been interested in the entire city and its community and in getting the community interested in it. This principle has been extended to the choice of the new president, and under him the club will undoubtedly have a good year.

## DR. STEVENSON TO SPEAK HERE

President of Princeton Theological  
Seminary Accepts Invitation.

The Y. M. C. A. received a telegram today from Dr. Ross Stevenson, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, accepting an invitation to speak at the Y. M. C. A. anniversary dinner, April 13. Doctor Stevenson has been connected with the student volunteer work of North America twenty years as chairman of the executive board of the Student Volunteer Movement.

He was formerly pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, one of the richest and most influential churches in the country. Doctor Stevenson began his work in Missouri as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Sedalia.

## TOMB AND KEY INITIATES TEN

Honorary Inter-Fraternity Society  
Will Give Series of Stag Dinners.

The Tomb and Key, an honorary inter-fraternity society, has announced the initiation of the following men: Marion Sharp, J. M. Giltner, Cuthbert Stephenson, Seth Hernandez, Sam Shirley, Julian Wornall, Amos E. Winsett, Richard O. Worrell, Emmett Hunnicutt and Joseph L. Neal.

The society will give a series of stag dinners for its members, the first to be next Sunday evening at Harris'.

## MRS. MARY M. ZINTGRAF DIES.

Graduate of School of Education Succumbs to Tuberculosis.

Mrs. Mary M. Zintgraf died at her home in Washington, Mo., Wednesday. Before her marriage last June to Logan Zintgraf, she was Miss Mary M. Isbell. She was graduated from the School of Education of the University in 1911 and was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

For the last eight months Mrs. Zintgraf was confined to her bed with tuberculosis, which was the cause of her death. She was 26 years old.

## Marriage Licenses for Two Couples.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Charles T. Sanders, 21, and Mrs. Hattie Campbell, 25, both of Centralia, and Charles Singleton, 25, and Miss Cecil Rouse, 19, who live in Hallsville.

COMMERCIAL CLUB  
HAS ANNUAL FEAST

Estimated 150 Will Attend  
the Ninth Banquet to  
Boost City.

## NEW HOTEL TALK

Out-of-Town Speakers on  
Program—to Install New  
Officers.

Columbia business men and their friends will meet around the table tonight. They will eat, but that won't be all. They will talk of the experiences of the city in the past and what it may do in the future. There probably will be a discussion of the need of a new hotel—considered by many the most important problem before the city now. Speakers will tell what is being done in other cities. It's the ninth annual banquet of the Commercial Club.

Secretary N. H. Trimble said this morning that 125 tickets had been sold. While he was talking some one called up on the long distance telephone, asking for tickets. Mr. Trimble estimated that twenty-five more tickets had been sold, but not reported to him. Twenty tickets were sold on the east campus. Others were sold this afternoon.

The chaplain will be the Rev. Walter C. Gibbs. K. L. Alexander will lead the music, and N. T. Gentry will act as toastmaster. N. T. Gentry will speak on "Old Columbia and New Columbia." He will illustrate his talk with stereoscopic pictures of both. He will show Columbia before it had two railroads when its depots were not so good and show it when there was no "White Way." Then he will show the new city, perhaps point out something to improve it.

He will be preceded on the program by E. C. Clinkscales, retiring president of the Commercial Club. The Rev. Hugh Black will speak on "Religion and Commerce."

Mrs. Rosa R. Ingels will tell of "Woman's Part in Columbia's Future." She will be followed by Representative James P. Boyd, speaker of the lower house of the legislature, who will talk on "Columbia and Missouri."

Dr. M. P. Ravenel of the faculty of the School of Medicine will speak upon "Health as an Asset." Dr. E. H. Bullock of Edina, who was the organizer of the county farm work there, will speak on "Cooperation Between Town and Country."

Others who will be asked to respond with short talks are Prof. L. M. DeFoe, the newly elected president of the Commercial Club, and Dean Walter Williams of the School of Journalism.

## CHURCH SOCIETY ENTERTAINS

Christian Workers' Club Girls Are  
"Mother Goose" Characters.

The Christian Workers' Club, an auxiliary of the Christian Scouts, gave a "Mother Goose" entertainment yesterday afternoon at the Broadway Methodist Church. Mother Goose characters were represented by the children. Prizes were awarded to Irene Crouch, Lucile Stuart, Vernon Hughes, Adeline Turner, Francis Turner and Marjorie Jordan. The judges were: Mrs. W. C. Belcher, Mrs. L. D. Rose and Mrs. Will Gibbs. About 125 people were present.

The Christian Workers' Club is composed of boys and girls from seven to sixteen years old. There are now fifty-four members. The membership being inter-denominational. The Sunday afternoon meetings are conducted by the Misses Marie and Lela Windsor.

## SCHULTE CHOOSES RELAY TEAM

Five Men Picked for K. C. A. C. Meet  
—Nicholson Will Be There.

Five men have been chosen by H. F. Schulte, four of whom will run on the Missouri relay team in the K. C. A. C. invitation meet to be held in Kansas City next Saturday night. They are Murphy, Niedorp, Wyatt, Porter and Eaton.

Floyd will enter the pole vault and Simpson will contest in two or three events. Mr. Schulte said today that he probably would send two other men but he was not ready to announce who they were.

Five athletes who have represented the United States in Olympic games will appear in the meet. Among them is John P. Nicholson, former Tiger track captain.